

REMARKS

Applicants request entry of the present amendments. Applicants have amended the abstract to remove the reference numerals therein to better conform to U.S. practices. No new matter is being introduced by this Amendment. Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

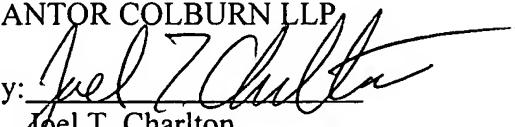
The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Attorneys at the below-listed telephone number regarding this Preliminary Amendment or otherwise regarding the present application.

If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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